

Refugee Assistance

Name of Organization	Short Description	Age, Time, and Other Requirements
<u>Refugee and Immigration Services</u>	Help tutor and befriend a newcomer refugee in order to teach survival English and cultural skills here in the United States.	Age 16 – Adult; 16 & 17-year olds must be accompanied by a parent; 18-year olds must agree to a background check. Volunteers typically work with a client 1 – 2 hours/wk. for a period of 3 – 6 months.

Refugee and Immigration Services

Description: The primary purpose of this organization is to resettle refugee families and help them to adjust to the school and work environments here in the United States. One of the primary needs for refugees is to learn and practice both speaking and listening to English. Age qualified youth volunteers can accomplish this in two ways:

“Mentoring Program:” Spending 1-2 “fun hours” a week with a newcomer refugee child.

“Homework Helper:” Helping with homework, reading with a newcomer, practicing specific subjects a newcomer may be behind in, or going to the library to check out books and reading them together.

NOTE: There are definite **age requirements** for this youth volunteer work. Students aged 16 and 17 must be accompanied by their parent during their volunteer visits with the newcomer refugee. Persons aged 18 and above must agree to the agency performing a background check.

Location:

1615 Kecoughtan Rd.
Hampton, VA 23661

Time Requirements: Qualified youth are needed to work refugee newcomers in the Hampton and Newport News area on an individual basis for approximately three to six months. This usually involves one to two hours a week.

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